

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

TROPICAL STORM HANNA SITUATION REPORT # 5 - FINAL 1500 Hours 7 September 2008

New information in bold-italic font

SUMMARY

The Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT) and the Virginia Emergency Operations Center transitioned from Response Operations to Routine Operations on 7 September after Hanna moved rapidly through Virginia with heavy rains and gusty winds. The Federal Emergency Management Agency Emergency Response Team (FEMA ERT-A) deployed to the VEOC on 4 September demobilized on 6 September. Hanna was responsible for at least 3 traffic related fatalities in Virginia and lost of power to around 170,000 customers during the height of the storm. Power restoration was completed on 7 September. Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a State of Emergency on 4 September due to the threat posed to the Commonwealth from Tropical Storm Hanna and 24 jurisdictions declared Local Emergencies. 37 jurisdictions opened their Emergency Operation Centers and 7 jurisdictions opened shelters. As of 2030 hrs, 7 September, VA Department of Transportation reported 2 Primary and 41 Secondary roads were impassable. At the height of the storm over 100 roads were impacted.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation *The Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) transitioned from Response Operations to Routine Operations on 7 September.*

Protective Action *Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency, directing state agencies to take all reasonable actions necessary to protect the health and safety of Virginians from the potentially damaging effects of Tropical Storm Hanna. [Executive Order # 75](#)*

ESF 15 – External Affairs *Fielded multiple media requests for information and interviews. Assisted in coordinating Governor Kaine's visits to VEOC and press briefings at VEOC.*

WEATHER

Forecast: *Monday, 8 September: Mostly sunny; high temps mid 80's except SW VA with possible showers and thunderstorms; South winds 4 to 7 MPH. Monday night: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms; low's from the mid to upper 60's; South winds 7 to 9 MPH. Tuesday, 9 September: Mostly cloudy; with a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon; winds between 7 to 12 mph; chance of precipitation 40 to 50% over most of the State. Tuesday night: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms; low's from mid to upper 60's; Northwest winds 3 to 7 MPH; chance of rain 50to 60%.*

OPERATIONS SECTION

ESF 1 – Transportation *Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
At 1500 hours, 8 September the Virginia Department of Transportation reports 10 secondary roads closed.*

*United States Coast Guard (USCG)
The Ports of Hampton Roads and Richmond were re-opened at 2000 hours September 6, 2008 after completion of post storm inspections.*

ESF 5 – Emergency Management

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

The VEOC continues monitoring National Hurricane Center Advisories on Hurricane Ike and maintaining situational awareness. The VEOC initiated weather conference calls with state agencies, Virginia Dominion Power, military units, and the National Weather Service Forecast Offices covering Virginia. ***The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Response Team – A (FEMA ERT-A) deployed to the VEOC on 4 September demobilized on 6 September.***

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services

VA Department of Health

Office of the Chief Medical Examiner confirmed 3 traffic fatalities related to Tropical Storm Hanna.

ESF 13 Public Safety

Virginia State Police

All uniformed State Police personnel were placed on unrestricted standby 6 September with plans to send a contingent of troopers to assist with recovery efforts if needed. The State Police Swift Water Rescue Teams were mobilized for a rapid response to the impacted areas if needed. State Police mobile command posts were staged in Richmond and in Appomattox and both were ready to respond if necessary to provide coordination for State Police recovery efforts.

ESF 16 – Military Affairs

Virginia Army National Guard (VANG)

The Virginia National Guard and the Virginia Defense Forces mobilized 359 Soldiers and Airmen to support Tropical Storm Hanna response operations. The Soldiers were on State Active Duty (SAD) for three days. The Incident Response Force (1-116th In Bn), with 331 Soldiers, deployed to Fort Pickett as the main effort of the Virginia National Guard's response package. In addition, the Virginia Defense Forces provided mobile command post and communications personnel to support communications in storm impacted areas. No Soldiers or Airmen remained on SAD past Sunday, 7 September and all members of DMA returned to their homes without incident.

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 – Situation Unit

Prepared final Spot Report on 7 September, and prepared Final State Situation Report on 8 September.

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource Support

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Identified locations for possible pre-positioning of resources, staging areas, and Point of Distribution (POD) locations. The State Emergency Services Contract was made available to localities effective 4 September 2008. Established staging areas at the Chesterfield County Airport, and Fort A.P. Hill for Federal resources to support response to Tropical Storm Hanna. Private resources were coordinated to support response activities.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

In Response to Tropical Storm Hanna 24 jurisdictions declared Local Emergencies. 37 jurisdictions opened their Emergency Operation Centers and 7 jurisdictions opened shelters. All EOC's and shelters were closed by 2300 hours, 6 September.

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